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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGES WITH HUNGARY

1. DURING VISIT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF FULBRIGHT COMMISSION AND ACAO TO INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON SYSTEMS APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN DUBROVNIK, SEPTEMBER 11, THEY WERE CLOSELY QUESTIONED BY TWO HUNGARIAN ACADEMICIANS ATTENDING SEMINAR ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF INITIATING FULBRIGHT EXCHANGE IN HUNGARY. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (YUGOSLAV NATIONAL) EXPLAINED HOW COMMISSION HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN YUGOSLAVIA, THAT IT WAS FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY BOTH USG AND GOY BUT INDEPENDENT FROM EITHER, AND ABOUT OPERATIONS OF AYEC STAFF.

2. ACAO, WHILE POINTING OUT SHE UNABLE COMMENT OFFICIALLY ON USG POLICY TOWARD EXCHANGES WITH EASTERN EUROPE, AND THE USG AND GOH HAD BEEN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGE AGREEMENT OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. OFFICER ADDED THAT EVEN IN ABSENCE OF FULBRIGHT COMMISSION OR EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, EXCHANGES COULD NONE THE LESS TAKE PLACE, AS THEY DID IN CASE OF POLAND. ACAO FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT IN ADDITION TO ACADEMIC EXCHANGES, USG ALSO SPONSORED VISITS OF SHORT-TERM LECTURERS (AMSPECS). SUGGESTED THAT HUNGARIAN SCHOLARS MIGHT WISH CONTACT US CULTURAL ATTACHE IN BUDAPEST TO INDICATE THEIR INTEREST IN HAVING AMERICAN LECTURERS OR IN SENDING HUNGARIANS TO U.S. (FIELDS SUGGESTED WERE RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING). ACAO ALSO NOTED THAT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE COORDINATE APPROACH TO EMBASSY WITH KKI (INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS), SINCE THIS PRINCIPAL HUNGARIAN ORGANIZATION WITH WHICH USG AND BEEN DISCUSSING

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EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. ACAO STRESSED THAT EXCHANGES POSSIBLE, BUT

IS NOT WAY PROMISED OR GUARANTEED THEY WOULD TAKE PLACE, AND
SUGGESTED AGAIN THAT WAY TO BEGIN PROCEDURE WAS TO TALK WITH
CAO IN BUDAPEST, WHO WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.
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